tenancies and to provide annual revision of rents.

8. Reorganisation of the existing Municipal structure and improving the financial position of the local Bodies.

9. Setting up of State Government Finance Commissions for adequate devolution of resources from the state Governments to local bodies.

(c) The Recommendations of National Commission on Urbanisation which have been implemented:

1. National Housing Bank has been set up to mobilise savings and increase availability of funds for Housing.

2. A separate infrastructure wing has been opened in HUDCO for providing funds for infrastructural development by various local bodies/state agencies.

3. Scheme of Integrated Development of Small & Medium Towns (IDSMT) revamped to assist selected small and medium towns emerge as regional growth centres.

4. Schemes of Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY), Urban Basic Services for the Poor (UBSP) and Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme (PMIUPEP) launched to address poverty alleviation and eradication issues.

5. Formulation of Housing Policy with specific reference to the needs of poor.

6. On the basis of the recommendations of National Commission on Urbanisation, Model Rent Control Legislation has been framed.

7. Centrally sponsored scheme of infrastructure development in Mega cities launched to assist selected cities with more than 4 million population as per 1991 census.

8. Constitution (74th) amendment Act, 1992, enacted to usher in municipal decentralisation.

9. A National Task Force on Urban Perspective and Policy set up by the Ministry of Urban Affairs and Employment and Planning Commission to address urban policy issues in the long/medium term and in the context of the 9th Plan.

Oil subsidy scheme for the Export Oriented deep-sea fishing fleet at Visakhapatnam

1812. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to consider an oil subsidy scheme for the export-oriented deep sea fishing fleet based at Visakhapatnam;

(b) whether it is a fact that a scheme for excise subsidy on oil was in force earlier for deep sea fishing trawlers; and

(c) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to restore this oil subsidy scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY): (a) A scheme for reimbursement of a part of the cost of fuel consumed by deep fishing vessels exporting atleast 25% of the catches has been implemented from January, 1991. However, operation of this scheme has been kept in abeyance from 1st March, 1996.

(b) and (c) Some deep sea fishing vessels operating under 100% EOU scheme are given excise duty concession on high speed diesel.